



IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following new title:

--VACUUM CLEANER WITH THERMAL CUTOFF--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 30 to read as follows:

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1 *Sole* 30. (amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising:
2 a lower base unit;
3 an upper enclosure for housing a filter bag, the upper enclosure being pivotable
4 with respect to the lower base unit;
5 a motor disposed within the lower base unit;
6 a power cord having a first end affixed to at least one of said upper portion and
7 said base unit, and a second end adapted for connecting to an electrical power source;
8 electrical conductors extending between said first end of said power cord and said
9 motor, said electrical conductors defining an electrical power circuit to said motor; and
10 a thermal cutoff assembly including a temperature sensor disposed proximate to
11 said motor for measuring the temperature of said motor, said thermal cutoff assembly
12 further including a switching element in electrical association with said electrical
13 conductors, wherein upon the temperature sensor sensing a temperature greater than a
14 predetermined temperature setpoint, said switching element opens said electrical power
15 circuit;
16 wherein once said switching element has opened said electrical power circuit, said
17 switching element closes said electrical power circuit only upon the temperature sensor

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